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## **REMARKS**

Claims 35 and 36 are pending in this application.

Claims 35 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Asay et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,903,882). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/133,706, filed Aug. 13, 1998, which is a continuation application of Serial No. 08/518,404, filed on Aug. 21, 1995. Thus, the priority date for this application is Aug. 21, 1995. Asay et al. was filed on Dec. 13, 1996, and therefore is not prior art with respect to this application. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 35 and 36 is improper and should be removed by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this case are in a condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is requested.

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